

EDITORIAL NOTE.

Chinese place and plant names in this inventory have been brought, so far as possible, into accord with the best authorities, the geographic names (except when fixed by decisions of the United States Geographic Board) being given in the form accepted by the Chinese Ministry of Communications Postal Guide. Many of the smaller village names, however, are not listed therein, and in all such cases the location of the village is given with reference to the nearest town mentioned in that work.

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